

EXHIBIT 2

MECKLENBURG COUNTY FACILITIES NAMING AND RENAMING POLICY APPLICATION

I. General Policy Statement

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) shall be responsible for approving all names of facilities in Mecklenburg County Government consistent with the Mecklenburg County Facilities Naming Policy.

II. Applicant's Information

Name of Individual/Group Making Application: Arthur Griffin, Jr.

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Site of Naming/**Renaming** to be Considered: Wallace K. Kuralt Center

III. Recommendation and Supporting Information

Recommended Name: Catherine M. Wilson Center

The recommended name is a reference to (check one of the following):

___ a living person

XX_ a deceased person

___ other reference (please explain): _____

(If none of the above, please skip all remaining questions and provide a one-page rationale to support recommended name)

IV. Background Check

If the request is to name a facility after a person, living or deceased, please provide the following information about that person. This information will be used only to conduct a background check on the person for whom the naming is being requested and will be held confidential.

Current Address (if living): _____

Date of Birth: March 19, 1925 _____

Social Security Number: Former Employee, HR should have SSN#

V. Name of civic/community activities, position of leadership and dates of involvement:

As Chairman of the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church Board of Trustees, Mrs. Wilson led the early efforts to fight Charlotte's Urban Renewal efforts to demolish her neighborhood and the family's home church, the Little Rock AME Zion Church on North Myers Street, Charlotte, NC. Instead, due to her efforts and others, in 1969 the original church at 401 North Myers Street was saved and later sold to the City of Charlotte. In 1981, she led fundraising efforts to rebuild a \$1.8 million-dollar new Little Rock AME Zion Church at 401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC. Mrs. Wilson also served as coordinator for the 43rd Quadrennial Conference of the AME Zion Church and helped recruit over 650 volunteers.

VI. Organizations and positions held: In 1978, Mrs. Wilson was named Director of Youth and Family Services, the first African American Program Administrator at the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.

VII. Awards and honors: _____

1984 recipient of the Cenie J. Williams Award by the Metrolina Chapter of Black Social Workers;

Appointed national conference coordinator for the 43rd Quadrennial General Conference of the AME Zion Church

First African American promoted as a program administrator at the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services. Mrs. Wilson served as the program administrator/director for Youth and Family Services.

VIII. Additional comments: Mrs. Catherine M. Wilson joined the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services in 1949 during the Jim Crow era. She recalled working out of a one room office with four other social workers. Black social workers were relegated to working with Black families only, while white social workers were eligible to work with both Black and white families. By 1968, according to the Charlotte Observer, out of 101 social workers, Mrs. Wilson was the only African American social worker at the Mecklenburg County Department of Services.